

**Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Environmental Protection Commission**

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DECISION

TOPIC

Termination of rule making—Chapter 64, storm water fee increase

The department recommends that the commission terminate rule making that would increase the fees for general permits issued for storm water discharges. The commission approved the notice of intended action at the December 2007 meeting.

The department has met with many stakeholders about the fee increase and some of them are concerned that we are still spending storm water fee money on the TMDL and flood plain programs. The stakeholders do not want to see their fee money be spent on anything other than storm water program. DNR staff agree that storm water fees should only be spent on the storm water program.

The TMDL program plans to stop spending storm water fee money as of July 1, 2008. The governor has included \$150,000 in environment first funds for the flood plain program, also. These are not new funds but a change in how the department will spend an existing appropriation. The funds will be available July 1, 2008, if approved by the legislature.

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